

## RECOVERY FUNDS AT WORK IN OHIO'S SIXTH DISTRICT

### **Wilson Announces Ohio's 6th to receive \$308,000 for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program**

***Ohio also to receive \$7.5 million for immunizations, \$8 million for underground storage tank cleanup***

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) is pleased to announce that the Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have all posted that they are releasing funding to Ohio as specified by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

#### EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER

Ohio will receive \$4,297,456 in American Recovery funds for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program, provided through a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant. Of that, Ohio's Sixth Congressional District will receive \$308,019.

According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, these funds can be used for a broad range of services, including mass shelter, mass feeding, food distribution through food pantries and food banks, one-month assistance with rent, mortgage and utility payments to prevent evictions, and transition assistance from shelters to stable living conditions. The program's objectives are to allocate funds to the neediest areas; to ensure fast response; to foster public-private sector partnerships; to ensure local decision-making; and to maintain minimal but accountable reporting.

"With families out of work, putting food on the table is tough," Wilson said. "Food pantries and food banks are all seeing an increase in demand and this Recovery money will help meet a lot of need in our community."

The 12 counties that make up Ohio's Sixth Congressional District will receive the following portions of the funds:

Athens County	\$21,119
Belmont County	\$22,349
Columbiana County	\$43,562
Gallia County	\$10,028
Jefferson County	\$25,758
Lawrence County	\$17,700
Mahoning County	\$96,838
Meigs County	\$9,997
Noble County	\$5,525
Scioto County	\$29,625
Washington County	\$20,108

Monroe County           \$5,410  
TOTAL \$308,019

The program is governed by a national board composed of representatives of the American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; United Jewish Communities; The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; The Salvation Army; and United Way of America. The Board is chaired by a representative of FEMA.

How to Apply: Additional money will be given to the organizations listed above. The national board will allocate these additional funds to local agencies through an established federal formula based on unemployment, population and poverty data.

#### IMMUNIZATION

Ohio will also receive \$7.5 million for the Immunization Grant Program. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, this funding is for crucial health and human services programs that help to provide care for children and prevent disease.

“This will ensure that more families get the vaccines they need,” Wilson said.

#### UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLEANUP

Ohio will also receive \$8,080,000 to clean up leaking underground storage tanks. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that these funds will create or retain significant numbers of jobs. Nationally, at least 1,600 sites will be cleaned up.

“These tanks can contaminate our drinking water,” Wilson said. “This money will not only help clean up health hazards but will create jobs at the same time. That’s a good investment.”